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SUBJ: UN FINANCE: FIFTH COMMITTEE CONTINUES GENERAL DEBATE

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1. SUMMARY: AT 1710 TH MEETING OF FIFTH COMMITTEE OCTOBER 9, GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT WERE MADE BY REPS OF BANGLADESH, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, INDIA, NETHERLANDS, UPPER VOLTA, YUGOSLAVIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND IRAQ. COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE GENERAL DEBATE OCTOBER 10 AND WILL REVERT TO BUDGET SECT. 13 (UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM).
END SUMMARY

2. BANGLADESH REP SUGGESTED THAT SYG FORWARD TO PROGRAM BUDGET DOCUMENT SHOULD INCLUDE ANALYTICAL INFO OF TYPE GIVEN ORALLY TO COMMITTEE FIVE BY UN CONTROLLER ON SEPTEMBER 30. HE CHARACTERIZED UN FINANCIAL SITUATION AS "RUNNING SORE" WHICH MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO FETER.

3. CZECHOSLOVAKIA REP SUGGESTED THREE PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE WORK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: 1) CONSISTENT RESPECT FOR CHARTER WHICH DETERMINES PRIORITIES; 2) RESPECT FOR ADOPTED
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RESOLUTIONS IF NOT

INCONSISTENT WITH CHARTER; AND 3) EFFECTIVENESS OF MACHINERY OF UN SYSTEM. CONCERNING PROPOSAL THAT WORKING CAPITAL FUND (WCF) BE

DOUBLED FOR \$40 TO \$80 MILLION, HE AGREED WITH FRENCH REP THAT THERE WAS NO GUARANTEE--THAT FUNDS WOULD NOT BE USED FOR DEBTS RATHER THAN CURRENT ACTIVITIES. HE ENDORSED POLAND'S PROPOSAL THAT TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE BE REQUIRED FOR IMPORTANT FINANCIAL DECISIONS.

4. INDIA--REP NOTED IMPROVEMENT IN PROGRAM BUDGET (PB) AND MEDIUM-TERM PLAN (MTP) PRESENTATION. HE BELIEVED THAT PB AND MTP SHOULD BE PREPARED IN ALTERNATE YEARS AND PREFERRED FOUR-YEAR MEDIUM-TERM PLAN OVER SIX-YEAR PLAN. HE FULLY SUPPORTED RECOMMENDATIONS OF WORKING GROUP (WG) ON UN BUDGET MACHINERY AND SAID SYG'S PROPOSAL RE INCREASE IN WCF MERITS SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. HE BELIEVED BETTER PERFORMANCE WOULD BE ACHIEVED IF PROMOTIONS NOT BASED ON POLITICAL REASONS.

5. NETHERLANDS--REP SAID COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM COORDINATION (CPC) NEEDS MORE SECRETARIAT SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION (ACC) IS IN KEY POSITION TO HARMONIZE POLICIES OF UN SYSTEM. RE FINANCIAL SITUATION, HE SAID WHAT IS NEEDED IS SAME COLLECTIVE POLITICAL WILL AS WAS SHOWN IN ECONOMIC AREA AT 7TH SPECIAL SESSION.

6. UPPER VOLTA--REP SAID FORMAT OF NEW PB IS IMPROVEMENT, BUT THERE IS STILL TOO MUCH DOCUMENTATION; THERE IS NEED FOR CLARIFICATION CONCERNING COMMON COSTS AND POSTS FINANCED FROM EX-TRABUDGETARY FUNDS AND LATER TRANSFERRED TO REGULAR BUDGETS; THERE SHOULD BE FREEZE ON RECLASSIFICATION UNTIL INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (ICSC) STUDIED; AND ABSENCE OF EVALUATION LEADS TO INCREASED EXPENDITURES. ADDED THAT MTP SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN ALTERNATE YEARS, PREFERRING "ROLLING PLAN" WHICH PERMITS ADJUSTMENT TO CHANGING SITUATION.

7. YUGOSLAVIA--REP SAID ADOPTION OF PB AND MTP IS BEGINNING OF UN MODERN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WHICH WOULD PERMIT BUDGET BASED UNCLASSIFIED

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ON CLEARLY DEFINED ORDER OF PRIORITIES. INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES HAVE BEEN TOO SLOW IN ADAPTING THEMSELVES TO NEW BUDGET. MTP SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN NON-BUDGET YEARS, ENABLING ECOSOC AND CPC TO STUDY MTP AND GIVE COMMENTS TO SYG IN TIME FOR HIM TO PREPARE PB. SYG SHOULD NOT BE ASKED TO DETERMINE PRIORITIES. ROLE OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED. DOES NOT THINK SYG'S REQUEST FOR 826 NEW POSTS CAN BE JUSTIFIED AND

LOOKS FORWARD TO HANDBOOK OF ORGANIZATION OF SECRETARIAT,
WHICH HE THINKS WILL MODIFY TREND IN RECRUITMENT AND
RECLASSIFICATIONS. SUPPORTS SYG'S ESTIMATES AS MODIFIED
BY ACABQ.

8. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC--REP FAVORS CONSIDERATION OF PB AND MTP
IN ALTERNATE YEARS AND SUPPORTS REPORT OF WG ON PROGRAM BUDGET
MACHINERY (PBM) IN A/10117. SAID SYG'S BUDGET IS EXAMPLE OF GROWTH OF
EXPENDITURES, BUT NOT OF SERVICES. HE BELIEVES THERE SHOULD
BE FREEZE IN RECRUITMENT AND RECLASSIFICATIONS UNTIL
ICSC REPORT CAN BE STUDIED.
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